

ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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I can't believe it is time for school to start already! This summer flew by. I hope all the kids have their school supplies and are looking forward to getting back to school to see their friends. Kynleigh starts on August 11 and she will be in 5th grade! She is excited and a little fearful because she will be in middle school with lots more kids. I pray all the kids have a fun, safe school year with lots of learning thrown in. We will be blessing the backpacks on August 10.

Prayer group will start on Thursday, August 14 at 9:30 am. Come and join in praying for your family, friends, community and country. I also will be starting a Bible Study that will be right after prayer group at 10:30am. It is a new study by Adam Hamilton, "Message of Jesus". I believe it will be very interesting, I hope several of you can come! If this is not a good time for you let me know and I can schedule another class at a different time.

Last Thursday I went to a meeting in Macomb and met the new DS, Rev James Fielder. He seems very nice and enthusiastic! He will be preaching at our Church Conference so if you would like to meet him and hear him preach plan on coming to Galesburg First Methodist on September 28 at 4:30pm.

See you Sunday in church, remember to invite a friend!

Pastor Karna



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Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan

Treasurer: Parris Silvis

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees: Ron Medley

S/PPRC: David Althaus

Nurture/Outreach: Angie Althaus &

Gina Medley

Worship: Linda Lanning

Christian Education: Volunteer needed

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Next Church Council Meeting Wednesday, August 6 6:30PM

Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

August Birthdays

06: Kalani Mikaele

10: Aiden Catey

10: Makenna Schuler

16: Candis Keller

17: Ed Schultz

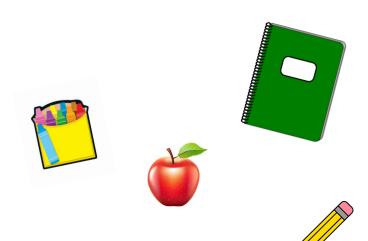
18: Ron Medley

August Anniversaries

18: Bill & Dana Schultz

21: Roger & Kelli Swanson

30: Kelly & Trudy Atchison





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Join Us!



Sunday Schedule

8:45AM - Coffee Hour 9:30AM - Worship



August Worship Volunteers

August 3

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

Multimedia: Dean Kernan

August 10

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

Multimedia: Sadie Carlson

August 17

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna Ushers: Lindsi & Brylee Brooks Multimedia: Bryton Brooks

August 24

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna Ushers: Parris & Desirae Silvis

Multimedia: Parris Silvis

August 31

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

Multimedia: Sadie Carlson

Thank You Volunteers!

We are always
looking for more
Sunday morning
volunteers.
Please contact
the church office
if you can help.

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Alpha UMC Prayer Group is back!

Prayer group will meet every Thursday at 9:30AM beginning August 14th.

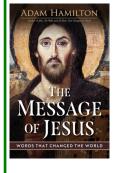
All are welcome to join Pastor Karna for a time a prayer.

New Bible Study beings Thursday, August 14th at 10:30AM. 6 week study

Join Pastor Karna for a Adam Hamilton's study

The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World.

Contact Pastor Karna if you would like to participate.



A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said?

In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Join Adam Hamilton in studying The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World.

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Blessing the Backpacks Sunday, August 10th

AlWood starts back to school August 13. Let's send our kids back with blessings! Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed during the service.







Alpha UMC has been asked to donate dish soap and mayonnaise to the AlWood Food Pantry.

Heavy duty grocery bags (such as Menards bags) would also be appreciated!

Thank you!

August 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6 6:30PM Church Council	7	8	9
10 Blessing of the Backpacks	11	12	13 AlWood back to school	14 9:30AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Bible Study	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 9:30AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Bible Study	22	23
31	25 8:30AM- 12:00PM Pre-K Screening	26	27	28 9:30AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Bible Study	29	30

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